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## AN ACT

To establish a daily public reporting requirement for covered contract awards of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “DHS Contract Report-

5       ing Act of 2021”.

## 1 SEC. 2. DAILY PUBLIC REPORT OF COVERED CONTRACT

## 2 AWARDS.

## 3 (a) DAILY REPORT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall post,  
5 maintain, and update in accordance with paragraph  
6 (2), on a publicly available website of the Department,  
7 a daily report of all covered contract awards.  
8 Each reported covered contract award shall include  
9 information relating to—

10 (A) the contract number, modification  
11 number, or delivery order number;

12 (B) the contract type;

13 (C) the amount obligated for such award;

14 (D) the total contract value for such  
15 award, including all options;

16 (E) the description of the purpose for such  
17 award;

18 (F) the number of proposals or bids re-  
19 ceived;

20 (G) the name and address of the vendor,  
21 and whether such vendor is considered a small  
22 business;

23 (H) the period and each place of perform-  
24 ance for such award;

25 (I) whether such award is multiyear;

1                             (J) whether such award requires a small  
2                             business subcontracting plan; and

3                             (K) the contracting office and the point of  
4                             contact for such office.

5                             (2) UPDATE.—Updates referred to in para-  
6                             graph (1) shall occur not later than two business  
7                             days after the date on which the covered contract is  
8                             authorized or modified.

9                             (3) SUBSCRIBING TO ALERTS.—The website re-  
10                             ferred to in paragraph (1) shall provide the option  
11                             to subscribe to an automatic notification of the pub-  
12                             lication of each report required under such para-  
13                             graph.

14                             (4) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Paragraph (1) shall  
15                             take effect on the date that is 180 days after the  
16                             date of the enactment of this section.

17                             (b) UNDEFINITIZED CONTRACT ACTION OR DEFINI-  
18                             TIZED AMOUNT.—If a covered contract award reported  
19                             pursuant to subsection (a) includes an undefinitized con-  
20                             tract action, the Secretary shall—

21                             (1) report the estimated total contract value for  
22                             such award and the amount obligated upon award;  
23                             and

24                             (2) once such award is definitized, update the  
25                             total contract value and amount obligated.

1       (e) EXEMPTION.—Each report required under sub-  
2 section (a) shall not include covered contract awards relat-  
3 ing to classified products, programs, or services.

4       (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5           (1) COVERED CONTRACT AWARD.—The term  
6 “covered contract award”—

7              (A) means a contract action of the Depart-  
8 ment with the total authorized dollar amount of  
9 \$4,000,000 or greater, including unexercised  
10 options; and

11              (B) includes—

12                  (i) contract awards governed by the  
13 Federal Acquisition Regulation;

14                  (ii) modifications to a contract award  
15 that increase the total value, expand the  
16 scope of work, or extend the period of per-  
17 formance;

18                  (iii) orders placed on a multiple award  
19 or multiple-agency contract that includes  
20 delivery or quantity terms that are indefi-  
21 nite;

22                  (iv) other transaction authority agree-  
23 ments; and

24                  (v) contract awards made with other  
25 than full and open competition.

1                   (2) DEFINITIZED AMOUNT.—The term “defini-  
2                   tized amount” means the final amount of a covered  
3                   contract award after agreement between the Depart-  
4                   ment and the contractor at issue.

5                   (3) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department”  
6                   means the Department of Homeland Security.

7                   (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
8                   the Secretary of Homeland Security.

9                   (5) SMALL BUSINESS.—The term “small busi-  
10                  ness” means an entity that qualifies as a small busi-  
11                  ness concern, as such term is described under sec-  
12                  tion 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

13                  (6) TOTAL CONTRACT VALUE.—The term “total  
14                  contract value” means the total amount of funds ex-  
15                  pected to be provided to the contractor at issue  
16                  under the terms of the contract through the full pe-  
17                  riod of performance.

18                  (7) UNDEFINITIZED CONTRACT ACTION.—The  
19                  term “undefinitized contract action” means any con-  
20                  tract action for which the contract terms, specifica-  
21                  tions, or price is not established prior to the start  
22                  of the performance of a covered contract award.

23 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

24                  *This Act may be cited as the “DHS Contract Report-*  
25                  *ing Act of 2021”.*

1   **SEC. 2. DAILY PUBLIC REPORT OF COVERED CONTRACT**

2                   **AWARDS.**

3                   (a) *DAILY CONTRACT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.*—

4                   (1) *REPORT.*—

5                   (A) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary shall post,*  
6                   *Maintain, and update in accordance with para-*  
7                   *graph (2), on a publicly available website of the*  
8                   *Department, a daily report of all covered con-*  
9                   *tract awards.*

10                  (B) *CONTENTS.*—*Each report under this*  
11                  *paragraph shall include, for each covered con-*  
12                  *tract award, information relating to—*

13                   (i) *the contract number, modification*  
14                   *number, or delivery order number;*

15                   (ii) *the contract type;*

16                   (iii) *the amount obligated for the*  
17                   *award;*

18                   (iv) *the total contract value for the*  
19                   *award, including all options;*

20                   (v) *the description of the purpose for*  
21                   *the award;*

22                   (vi) *the number of proposals or bids re-*  
23                   *ceived;*

24                   (vii) *the name and address of the ven-*  
25                   *dor, and whether the vendor is a small busi-*  
26                   *ness;*

1                             (viii) the period and primary place of  
2                             performance for the award;  
3                             (ix) whether the award is multiyear;  
4                             and  
5                             (x) the contracting office.

6                             (2) *UPDATE*.—The Secretary shall make updates  
7                             referred to in paragraph (1) not later than 5 business  
8                             days after the date on which a covered contract is au-  
9                             thorized or modified.

10                          (3) *EFFECTIVE DATE*.—Paragraph (1) shall take  
11                          effect on the date that is 180 days after the date of  
12                          enactment of this Act.

13                          (b) *UNDEFINITIZED CONTRACT ACTION OR DEFINI-*  
14 *TIZED AMOUNT*.—If a covered contract award reported  
15 under subsection (a) includes an undefinitized contract ac-  
16 tion, the Secretary shall—

17                          (1) report the estimated total contract value for  
18                          the award and the amount obligated upon award;  
19                          and

20                          (2) once there is a definitized amount for the  
21                          award, update the total contract value and amount  
22                          obligated.

23                          (c) *EXEMPTION*.—Each report required under sub-  
24 section (a) shall not include covered contract awards for  
25 which synopsis was exempted under section 5.202(a)(1) of

1   *the Federal Acquisition Regulation, or any successor there-*  
2   *to.*

3           *(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

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11          (6) *TOTAL CONTRACT VALUE.*—The term “total contract value” means the total amount of funds expected to be provided to the contractor at issue under the terms of the contract through the full period of performance.

16          (7) *UNDEFINITIZED CONTRACT ACTION.*—The term “undefinitized contract action” means any contract action for which the contract terms, specifications, or price is not established prior to the start of the performance of the covered contract award.

21          (e) *SUNSET.*—This section shall cease to have force or effect on the date that is 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

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